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## **Division of Correction Golf Tournament To Benefit Children of Slain Officers**

***Friday, October 6 at Black Rock in Hagerstown***

TOWSON, MD (October 3, 2006)--The Maryland Division of Correction's annual benefit golf tournament has a history of raising money for special causes. Last year, it was for Hurricane Katrina victims; prior tourneys have benefited local charities. This Friday, golfers who hit the links will be helping two of their colleagues, both fallen heroes.

The 2006 golf tournament will benefit the children of correctional officers Jeffery Wroten and David McGuinn, who were both killed in the line of duty this year. Officer Wroten, who worked at Roxbury Correctional Institution near Hagerstown, had five children. Officer McGuinn, who worked in Jessup at the Maryland House of Correction, had two. Proceeds from the tournament will be given to the funds which have been set up for the two officers' children.

A huge field of 144 golfers, most from the Division of Correction and other agencies within the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, will tee off this Friday, October 6 at 9 a.m. at Black Rock Golf Course near Hagerstown. The event has been organized by correctional staff at the Maryland Correctional Institution-Hagerstown, one of three state prisons operated by the Division of Correction in Washington County. Organizers hope to contribute \$4,000-5,000 to the childrens' funds.

Officer Wroten, a four-year DOC veteran, was shot to death in January while guarding an inmate who tried to escape from the hospital in Hagerstown. Officer McGuinn, who'd been in the DOC for two years, was stabbed by inmates at the maximum-security House of Correction in late July.

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